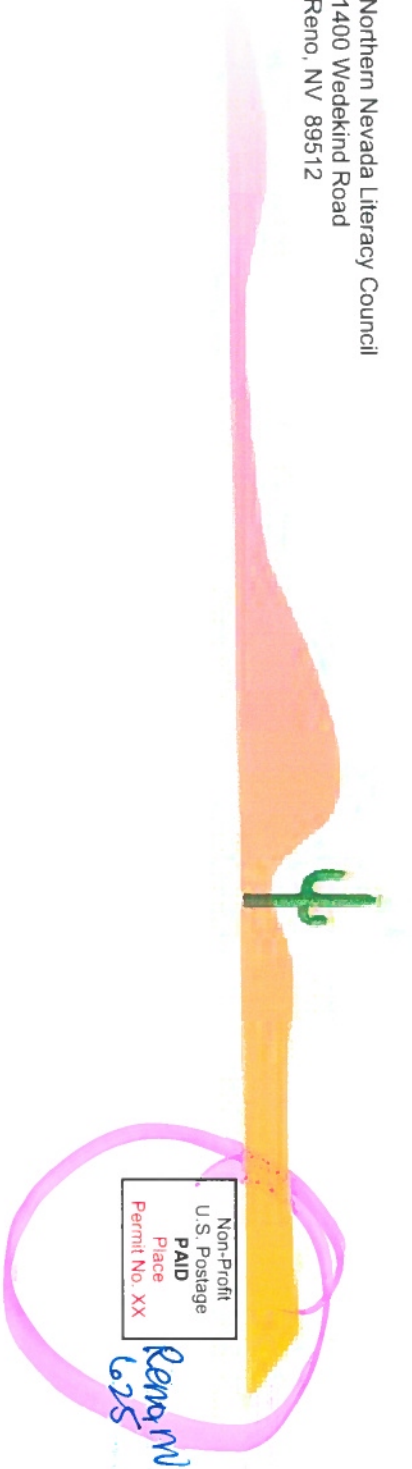


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## WIOA Notices of Proposed Rulemaking Now Available

On April 2, 2015, five notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRMs) related to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), enacted on July 22, 2014, were made available for public inspection on the Federal Register Public Inspection web site at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>. The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Title II NPRM is located at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/04/16/2015-05540/programs-and-activities-authorized-by-the-adult-education-and-family-literacy-act-title-ii-of-the>.

The five NPRMs include:

Joint NPRM - The U.S. Departments of Education and Labor has developed a joint NPRM to implement jointly-administered activities under Title I of WIOA regarding Unified and Combined State Plans, performance accountability, and the one-stop system. This NPRM applies to all core programs, including the State Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Adult Education program.

Department of Labor only NPRM — This will implement changes made to the adult, dislocated worker, and youth programs authorized under Title I of WIOA.

Three ED-only NPRMs Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)—This NPRM will implement changes to programs authorized under AEFLA contained in Title II of WIOA. Two NPRMs will implement changes made to the programs authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 contained in Title IV of WIOA and new provisions.

Please visit [www.ed.gov/aefta](http://www.ed.gov/aefta) to become familiar with the content of the NPRMs and to prepare your comments to be submitted during the 60 day public comment period.

## Calendar of Key Adult Education Conferences

Nevada Connections is a leadership activity/professional development project funded by a grant from the Nevada State Department of Education, Workforce Investment Act, Title II (Adult Education and Family Literacy). There is no discrimination or denial of participation on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion or religious creed, national origin, sexual orientation, ancestry, or disability.

**What:** COABE Conference 2015, April 21-24, 2015, Denver, CO  
**Contact:** [www.coabe.org/conference2015](http://www.coabe.org/conference2015)

**What:** CASAS National Summer Institute, June 23-25, 2015, San Diego, CA  
**Contact:** [www.casas.org](http://www.casas.org)

**What:** National Career Pathways Network Annual Conference, October 28-30, 2015, Dallas, TX  
**Contact:** [www.ncpn.info](http://www.ncpn.info)

**What:** National College Transition Network, November 9-11, 2015, Providence, R.I.  
**Contact:** [www.collegetransitions.org/conference.overview](http://www.collegetransitions.org/conference.overview)

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(left to right): Jeff Wales, Brad Deeds, Kathleen Jameson, Barbara Stephanos, Linda Bogle, Cynthia Pierotti, Jody Coxson, students April Elliott, Hailey Murphy, and an unidentified student.

### Adult Education Day at the Legislature

By Olu Akinylele of CCSD Dept. of Adult Education

The event was a success especially since this was our first time organizing a lobby day. More than 25 adult educators and students participated including program directors, Nevada Department of Education staff and students. Many of them were able to meet with their Assemblymen and Senators and share some of the adult education success stories and invite them to visit our programs in their districts when they return home to see the contributions adult education is making to change people's lives for the better. The highlight of the day was that we were able to attend the day's assembly meeting and that we were formally recognized on the house floor with a group introduction. The Nevada Adult Educators' organization plan to make this a biannual event at each legislative session.



# Analyzing the Testing “Scurry”

By Senior Advisor Lennox McLendon, National Council of State Directors of Adult Education

Many of us are having concerns about the drop in high school equivalency (HSE) testing and the passing rate. For those of you who have been in adult education for a while, you will recognize this trend. Historically, the tests are upgraded every ten to fifteen years to reflect the increased skill levels for high school completion. As a result of the change, testing volume increases the last year of a test series and drops the first year of the new test. For example, a new test was introduced in 2002. In 2001 the last year of the old test, examinees spiked upward. In 2002, the first year of the new test, there was a drastic drop because we emptied the pipeline of examinees the year before and because of the mystique that the new test is “so much more difficult to pass.”

GED GED ® Test Takers®	YR. 2000	YR. 2001	YR. 2002
*GED® testers taking full battery	718K	945K	467K
Number who passed the full battery	497K	658K	329K
Pass Rate	69.3%	69.6%	70.5%

Testers Taking The Full Battery											
Year	GED ®			TASC ®			HiSET®			Total	
	#	# Passed	% Passed	#	# Passed	% Passed	#	# Passed	% Passed	Takers	Passers
2012	581K	401K	69.1%							581K	401K
2013	713K	540K	75.7%							713K	540K
2014	223K	140K	62.8%	43K	25K	59%	50K	31K	62%	316K	196K

JOIN, Inc., a non-profit agency funded by the Workforce Investment Act, provides free workforce skills and occupational training to eligible Nevadans across 65, 000 square miles across Northern Nevada. The JOIN, Inc. offices are:



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Carson City	1925 N. Carson St.	775-.283-.0125
Elko	618 Idaho St.	775-.753-1700
Ely	1502 E. Aultman St.	775-289-.3061
Fallon	121 Industrial Way	775 423-6162
Fernley	460 W. Main Street	775-575-1222
Winnemucca	211 S. Bridge Street	775-623-6218

## College of Southern Nevada’s Adult Basic Education Program Delivers a Wide Variety of Career Pathway Resources for its Students.

By Garner Presser, Student Advisor



College of Southern Nevada’s Adult Literacy and Language Program has been serving the greater Las Vegas area for well over two decades. With classes in Las Vegas and surrounding communities including North Las Vegas, Henderson, Sandy Valley, and Amargosa Valley, it is one of the largest Adult Basic Education programs in the state of Nevada. Staffed by experienced educators, the AL&L program provides English as a Second Language classes and High School Equivalency courses at no cost to students. In addition, students have the opportunity to attend the “Studio Lab” tutoring center gratis at both Las Vegas City Hall and the Sahara West Center.

As part of the College of Southern Nevada’s Division of Workforce and Economic Development, the AL&L program is able to offer a wide variety of career pathway resources to its students. Two examples of certificate programs available are Home Care Aide and Facilities Maintenance and Operations Training. Also available to students is the ACT WorkKeys® Assessment. After successful completion of the WorkKeys® Assessment, students will receive the National Career Readiness Certificate. Information regarding these and other resources, including transition to post-secondary education, is presented at the semi-annual Next Steps Conference held by the AL&L program at the main campus of the College of Southern Nevada. The next Next Steps Conference will be on Saturday, May 2.

### Please give us your input on Nevada Connections!

We welcome your suggestions for stories and input on this newsletter. Please contact Susan Robinson with suggestions, ideas, and input at [Director@nmlc.org](mailto:Director@nmlc.org) or call 775.356.1007. Nevada Connections is also available at <http://nvedu.org/nv>.